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In re Application of:

Duff et al.

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Associated with an IL-1 Inflammatory
Haplotype*

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Sir:

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated March 29, 2002, Applicants submit the following remarks and amendments in this request for reconsideration. The time for responding to this action has been extended to September 30, 2002 by the accompanying petition for a three-month extension and payment of fee.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following preliminary amendment before examination of the application. Kindly amend the application as follows: